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Mr. A. Parasurama Rao :—" May I know, then, if it is not necessary to give them licences, so that when they have to pass through forests, they may guard the remittances ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I am afraid I should be intruding on my hon. Friend's subject."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " There is no necessity at all."

Criminal Tribes

Action taken on the resolution regarding the transfer of the Kallar reclamation work to Revenue authorities.

*234 Q.—Rajkumar S. N. Dorai Raja : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what action the Government have taken or propose to take with regard to the resolution lately passed in the Council on 27th February 1928 that the Kallar reclamation work at Tanjore may be transferred to the Revenue authorities from the Police Department?

A.—The Government have decided not to take any action as it is impracticable to give effect to the resolution.

Rajakumar S. N. Dorai Raja :—" May I know the reason why the Government consider it impracticable to give effect to the resolution ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " The reasons why Government have not given effect to the resolution are mentioned in my speech during the debate."

Rajkumar S. N. Dorai Raja :—" May I know why it is impracticable ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " I have given those reasons in my speech."

Depressed Classes

Alleged hardships of Villiyars in Chingleput district.

*235 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state, with reference to question No. 252 answered on the 14th March 1927—

(a) whether the Government have received complaints that innocent persons belonging to the 'Villiyar' class are still harassed in many villages in the Chingleput district by the village officers and police officers ; and

(b) whether the Government will consider the advisability of taking immediate steps to free those innocent persons from the hardships they suffer ?

A.—(a) No.
(b) Does not arise.

Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar :—" Are the Government aware that under the pretext of watching these people, they are being harassed even in the day time when they have to earn their bread ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " I am not aware of it."